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NARRATIVE REPORT, CALENDAR YEAR 2004
TITLE 2, SECTION 251

[Note: The State of North Dakota is exempt from voter registration and provisional voting.]

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(b) USE OF FUNDS.-

- (1) IN GENERAL.- Except as provided in paragraph (2), a State receiving a requirements payment shall use the payment only to meet the requirements of Title III.
- (2) OTHER ACTIVITIES.- A State may use a requirements payment to carry out other activities to improve the administration of elections for Federal office if the State certifies to the Commission that -
 - (A) The State has implemented the requirements of Title III; or
 - (B) The amount expended with respect to such other activities does not exceed an amount equal to the minimum payment amount applicable to the State under section 252(c).

The requirements of Title III include:

- Equipment that meets voting systems standards;
- Provisional voting; *
- Voting information;
- Statewide voter registration list; *
- Voters who register by mail. *

* In its use of Title II, Section 251 funds for Title III purposes,
*North Dakota is exempt from the requirements for voter
registration and provisional voting.*

RELATED EXPENDITURES: \$0.00

** All other expenditures for new voting equipment and voting information have, to date, been made under Title I, Section 101.*

Voting System Upgrades

Under the direction of its State Planning Committee and through research and direct involvement of representatives of the state's disabilities community and local election officials, the State of North Dakota entered into a contract for a new voting system. This voting system provides both second chance voting and independent and private voting for persons with disabilities in every polling place in the state. The contracted vendor is Election Systems and Software, Inc. (ES&S). The following units were delivered to and implemented in each of the state's 53 counties during 2004 and 2005:

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| Model 100 Optical Scanner | 588 |
| AutoMARK Ballot Marking Device | 586* |

**The difference in units is based on per county back-up unit purchase decisions.*

No Title II expenditures were made during the 2005 federal fiscal year.

FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT (Long Form)

Public reporting burden for the collection of information is estimated to average 30 minutes per response, including time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding the burden estimates or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project (0348-0039), Washington, DC 20503.

PLEASE DO NOT RETURN YOUR COMPLETED FORM TO THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET.

Please type or print legibly. The following general instructions explain how to use the form itself. You may need additional information to complete certain items correctly, or to decide whether a specific item is applicable to this award. Usually such information will be found in the Federal agency's grant regulations or in the terms and conditions of the award (e.g., how to calculate the Federal share, the permissible uses of program income, the value of in-kind contributions, etc.). You may also contact the Federal agency directly.

| Item | Entry | Item | Entry |
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| 1, 2 and 3 | Self-explanatory. | 10c | Enter the amount of program income that was used in accordance with the deduction alternative. |
| 4 | Enter the Employer Identification Number (EIN) assigned by the U.S. Internal Revenue Service. | Note: | Program income used in accordance with other alternatives is entered in lines q, r, and s. Recipients reporting on a cash basis should enter the amount of cash income received; on an accrual basis, enter the program income earned. Program income may or may not have been included in an application budget and/or a budget on the award document. If actual income is from a different source or is significantly different in amount, attach an explanation or use the remarks section. |
| 5 | Space reserved for an account number or other identifying number assigned by the recipient. | | |
| 6 | Check yes only if this is the last report for the period shown in Item 8. | | |
| 7 | Self-explanatory. | | |
| 8 | Unless you have received other instructions from the awarding agency, enter the beginning and ending dates of the current funding period. If this is a multi-year program, the Federal agency might require cumulative reporting through consecutive funding periods. In that case, enter the beginning and ending dates of the grant period, and in the rest of these instructions, substitute the term "grant period" for "funding period". | 10d. | e, f, g, h, i, and j. Self-explanatory. |
| | | 10k. | Enter the total amount of unliquidated obligations, including unliquidated obligations to subgrantees and contractors. Unliquidated obligations on a cash basis are obligations incurred, but not yet paid. On an accrual basis, they are obligations incurred, but for which an outlay has not yet been recorded. Do not include any amounts on line 10k that have been included on lines 10a and 10j. On the final report, line k must be zero. |
| 9 | Self-explanatory | 10l. | Self-explanatory. |
| 10 | The purpose of columns I, II and III is to show the effect of this reporting period's transactions on cumulative financial status. The amounts entered in column I will normally be the same as those in column III of the previous report <i>in the same funding period</i> . If this is the first or only report of the funding period, leave columns I and II blank. If you need to adjust amounts entered on previous reports, footnote the column I entry on this report and attach an explanation. | 10m. | On the final report, line 10m must also be zero. |
| 10a | Enter total gross program outlays. Include disbursements of cash realized as program income if that income will also be shown on lines 10c or 10g. Do not include program income that will be shown on lines 10r or 10s. For reports prepared on a cash basis, outlays are the sum of actual cash disbursements for direct costs for goods and services, the amount of indirect expense charged, the value of in-kind contributions applied, and the amount of cash advances and payments made to subrecipients. For reports prepared on an accrual basis, outlays are the sum of actual cash disbursements for direct charges for goods and services, the amount of indirect expense incurred, the value of in-kind contributions applied, and the net increase or decrease in the amounts owed by the recipient for goods and other property received, for services performed by employees, contractors, subgrantees and other payees, and other amounts becoming owed under programs for which no current services or performances are required such as annuities, insurance claims, and other benefit payments. | 10n. | o, p, q, r, s and t. Self-explanatory. |
| | | 11a. | Self-explanatory. |
| | | 11b. | Enter the indirect cost rate in effect during the reporting period. |
| | | 11c. | Enter the amount of the base against which the rate was applied. |
| | | 11d. | Enter the total amount of indirect costs charged during the report period. |
| | | 11e. | Enter the Federal share of the amount of 11d. |
| | | Note: | If more than one rate was in effect during the period shown in item 8, attach a schedule showing the bases against which the different rates were applied, the respective rates, the calendar periods they were in effect, amounts of indirect expense charged to the project, and the Federal share of indirect expense charged to the project to date. |
| 10b | Enter any receipts related to outlays reported on the form that are being treated as a reduction of expenditure rather than income, and were not already netted out of the amount shown as outlays on line 10a. | | |